



Governor's Advisory Council to the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Chapel – Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Campus

March 16, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Anthony Brazen, Helena Carter, Robert Daniels Thomas Hall, Patricia Hill, Jim Martin, and Susan Phillips

Members Excused: Jack Akester, Patricia Ayers, Andrea Guest, and Devon Manning

Members Absent: Janice Jolly, James Lafferty, George Meldrum, and Joanna Rieger

Associate Members Present: Lisa Furber, James Lark, Bruce Lorenz, and Charles Sygowski

Associate Members Excused: Lynn Fahey

Associate Members Absent: Florence Alberque, Dan Hoeftman, Edie McCole, and John McKenna

Interested Parties Present: Mike Barbieri Barbara Bell, Mary Beth Cichocki, Willard Heuser, Julianna Tittle, Greg Valentine, Emily Vera, Norman Vetter, and Pamela Willis

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order/Introductions	Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 9:10am and welcomed everyone in attendance. Meeting participants were invited to introduce themselves and share their affiliation.	
Review and Approval of Minutes		There wasn't a quorum and the minutes from November and January have not been approved.
Chairman's Report	Chairman Jim Martin states he will reach out to everyone to get ideas about how to increase GAC membership. Chairman Martin reports Jim Lafferty and Jack Akester have to formally resign before the Chairman and Vice Chairman positions can be	

	<p>filled. There a few working committees that are lacking chairs. Chairman Jim Martin would like the present committee chairs to stay on. Patricia Hill has expressed an interest is becoming vice chair. Chairman Jim Martin believes they would make a good team since his perspective is on the substance abuse side and Patricia's on the mental health side.</p> <p>Chairman Jim Martin reported he will introduce Dorothy G. later in the meeting. Dorothy will share her journey with the council about her difficulties receiving services in Delaware.</p>	
Director's Report	<p>Director Mike Barbieri reported DSAMH is out of the DOJ settlement and doing everything it can to continue the services produced from it. The Governor's budget requested a 15% reduction which amount to about \$17 million. It would require measureable pairing back on what is being done and the services now offered to reach that goal. There is concern about how the system will look in 24 months in regard to Medicaid rollback and Block Grants to the states. Those events would cause DSAMH to redesign nearly all the present services offered. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) allowed services to be available to more people because of Medicaid. Many of the services started years ago are out for re-bid. DSAMH has RFPs going out that are going to be more locally driven.</p> <p>Director Mike Barbieri would like feedback on how DSAMH systems are working.</p>	

Standing Committee Reports:		
DPC Advisory Committee	<p>Norm Vetter reported nursing staff has increased 15% since December. DPC started a nurse recruiting office. In addition to recruiting, this office gets the applications through the hiring process faster. DPC is working on instituting a nurse mentoring program to help with retention. Exit interviews are being given to find the reason nurse are leaving.</p> <p>Norm Vetter reported the addition of uniformed security to DPC staff has been a positive experience with good feedback being received. The number of incidents along with the severity of incidents has declined.</p> <p>Norm Vetter reported the average daily census is 114 with 75 civil 39 forensic. In February, 19 people were discharged. 7 went to ACT teams, 1 to CRISP, and 11 to TCMs. This shows a roughly 25% civil discharge rate in a month. The next DPC Committee is in May.</p>	
Children's Committee	Helena Carter reported the Children's Department has also been asked to reduce their budget. There will not be a Mental Health Conference this year. Helena Carter reports it is a struggle to decide what to cut and try to keep the same level of service you're providing.	
Employment Committee	No report given due to the absence of committee representation.	
Membership Committee	No report given due to the absence of committee representation.	
Community Services Committee	No report given due to the absence of committee representation.	

Budget Committee	There was discussion on what the budget committee should be doing and who wants to be involved. James Lark agreed to chair this committee.	
Old Business	None	
New Business	Bruce Lorenz mentioned that there is a bill out to legalize marijuana in Delaware. Bruce thinks the council needs to figure out its position on this bill to share with legislators.	
Public Comment	Julianna Tittle introduced Dorothy G. who is a resident of Sussex County. Julianna first met Dorothy at the ACE Peer Resource Center. In talking with Dorothy, Julianna learned of her life and problems with seeking help. Julianna is concerned about the follow through in Delaware. She believes there are limited resources for people who cognitively impaired.	
Meeting Adjourned	A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.	The committee approved the adjournment.